

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, February 23, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on February 23, 2024.

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Mr. Patrick Morrow, Chair-elect
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Jay Blossman
Mr. Wayne Brown
Mr. Robert Dampf
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Ms. Mary Leach Werner
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Thomas Luke

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officer and administrators of the campuses; faculty and staff representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media. Dr. William Tate, President of LSU, was not present.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The LSU Chapter of the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Ms. Maci Duplessis, a senior majoring in Mass Communications with a minor in Political Science from New Orleans, Louisiana, and the pledge given by Jacob Rachell, a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering from Decatur, Georgia.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

Mr. Woods adjourned the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

4.A. Research & Agricultural Extension Committee

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Ms. Werner, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

4.A.1 Research and Future Use of Energy in Louisiana (FUEL) Presentation

Dr. Robert Twilley, Vice President of the Office of Research & Economic Development, and Andrew Maas, Associate Vice President, gave their presentation on Research and Future Use of Energy in Louisiana.

No action needed on this item.

4.B. Academic Committee

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Brown, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Williams.

4.B.1 Request from LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Ed Picou

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Ed Picou

4.B.2 Consent Agenda

There were six items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the following items were unanimously approved.

Request from LSU A&M for the Continued Authorization of the Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M for the continued authorization of the Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety (CARTS).

Request from LSU A&M to Establish Four Endowed Professorships

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish the following Endowed Professorships:

- a) Scott and Ruth Bergeron Professorship in Biological Engineering #2
- b) Callais and Woods College of the Coast and Environment Dean's Professorship
- c) Dr. Bobby and Lori Kent Savoie Professorship in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- d) Robey H. Clark Distinguished Professorship #4

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the following Endowed Professorships at LSU A&M:

- a) Scott and Ruth Bergeron Professorship in Biological Engineering #2
- b) Callais and Woods College of the Coast and Environment Dean's Professorship
- c) Dr. Bobby and Lori Kent Savoie Professorship in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- d) Robey H. Clark Distinguished Professorship #4

Request from LSU A&M to Establish Two and Augment Two Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request to establish the following two and augment the following two endowed superior graduate student scholarship at LSU:

- a) Thomas and Susan Shirley Superior Graduate Scholarship
- b) Jill and Roger Jenkins Scholarships for Mike the Tiger's Caregivers
- c) Adah Proctor Sturgis Graduate Scholarship in Chemistry and Biochemistry (augmented)
- d) A. B. Freeman Scholarship (augmented); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment and augmentation the following endowed superior graduate student scholarships at LSU:

- a) Thomas and Susan Shirley Superior Graduate Scholarship
- b) Jill and Roger Jenkins Scholarships for Mike the Tiger's Caregivers
- c) Adah Proctor Sturgis Graduate Scholarship in Chemistry and Biochemistry (augmented)
- d) A. B. Freeman Scholarship (augmented)

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Establish the Broadwell Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship for Physician Assistant Students

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Health Sciences Center--Shreveport to Establish the Broadwell Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship for Physician Assistant Students.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Establish the Sandra and Jerry Martin Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship for Medical Students - 4

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Health Sciences Center--Shreveport to Establish the Sandra and Jerry Martin Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students - 4.

Request from LSU - Shreveport to Establish the Sidney and Hollisann Kent Endowed Professorship in Business

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from Louisiana State University in Shreveport (LSUS) is recommended to approve the establishment of the Sidney and Hollisann Kent Endowed Professorship in Business.

4.C. Finance Committee

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Zuschlag, Ms. Werner, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Williams.

- 4.C.1 Request from LSUHSC-NO to acknowledge and authorize the Uniform Affiliation Agreement, along with the First Amendment to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement with the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans Faculty Group Practice

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute the Uniform Affiliation Agreement and the First Amendment to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement with the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans Faculty Practice Group, doing business as the LSU Healthcare Network, with such agreement to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D. Property & Facilities Committee

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Mr. Temple, Ms. Werner, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

- 4.D.1 Request from LSUHSC-NO for Act 959 Project for an Exterior Stair Connector, Seton and CALS Walkways.

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or his designee to approve the following project and process the project through the appropriate administrative channels of review and approval, namely, the Board of Regents, the Division of the Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, pursuant to Act 959 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session enacting R.S. 39:128(B)(4) as amended pursuant to Act No. 78 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session:

Exterior Stair Connector, Seton and CALS Walkways Estimated total project cost is \$1,425,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of LSU, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to approve the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements and to approve cost increases up to 20% of the amount approved to accommodate unforeseen conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LSU President, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take such action he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors to process and obtain administrative approvals for this project.

4.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Renovations to Phi Mu Sorority House

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute: (1) an Agreement, Consent to Mortgage, and Estoppel Certificate with Regions Bank or such other financial entity designated by Phi Mu or its related corporation, Alpha Eta House Corporation, (2) an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Alpha Eta House Corporation or such other related entity designated by Phi Mu, and (3) any other agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed to effectuate this transaction, with all leases, agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Renovations to Delta Gamma Sorority House

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute: (1) an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Gamma Zeta House Corporation or such other related entity designated by Delta Gamma, and (2) any other agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed to effectuate this transaction, including, but not limited to, consent to a sublease between Delta Kappa Epsilon or its housing corporation and Gamma Zeta House Corporation or Delta Gamma, with all leases, agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College approves the construction of capital improvements in an amount exceeding \$1 million at the Delta Gamma House, subject to final reviews, approvals, and authorizations to proceed issued by the appropriate LSU officials in accordance with law, policy, and established practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby acknowledge that the schematic designs for the Delta Gamma renovations are in general compliance with the Campus Design Guidelines and 3 hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to the appropriate and customary LSU Office responsible for reviewing and approving such plans and specifications.

4.D.4 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Consent to Sublease of Theta Xi House by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to consent to the sublease of the Theta Xi house to Delta Tau Delta and to execute any agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed to effectuate this consent, with all agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D.5 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the President to Execute a Lease with Tiger Athletic Foundation for Relocation of Bullpen and Construction of New Field Level Seating at Alex Box Stadium

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was unanimously approved.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes William F. Tate IV, in his capacity as President of LSU, to execute a lease to Tiger Athletic Foundation in order to facilitate improvements to Alex Box Stadium, including relocation of the home team bullpen and construction of new field level seating areas and to execute related agreements as may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the project;

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between it and the Tiger Athletic Foundation, finds an acceptable University purpose for Tiger Athletic Foundation to enter into the proposed lease, and any related or ancillary contracts and agreements reasonably necessary for the project; and,

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William F. Tate IV, in his capacity as President of LSU, or his designee, is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, to include in the lease any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.”

4.E. Athletics Committee

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Williams, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morris, Mr. Temple, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreements for Eight Assistant Football Coaches

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the employment agreements described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

4.E.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Director of Athletic Development

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Jacob Flint as

described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

4.E.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Associate Athletics Director for Football Administration

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Term Sheet for Austin Thomas as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

4.E.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Baseball Coach

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Ms. Jones, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Nathan Yeskie as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

4.F. Risk Management Committee

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Mr. Williams, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Temple, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.F.1 Request to Approve Amendment to Internal Audit Charter

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was unanimously approved.

4.F.2 Information Technology Risk Mitigation Presentation

No action needed on this item.

4.F.3 Fiscal Year 2024 2nd Quarter Audit Summary

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the item was unanimously approved.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called back to order and roll call conducted.

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Mr. Patrick Morrow, Chair-elect
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Jay Blossman

Mr. Wayne Brown
Mr. Robert Dampf
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Ms. Mary Werner
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Thomas Luke

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 8, 2023 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Werner, the personnel actions were unanimously approved.

VIII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Mr. Starns, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

IX. Reports from Faculty and Staff Advisors

Dr. Kamboj and Dr. Tirone provided an informative report on behalf of the Faculty Advisors.

Mr. Duplechain, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided an informative report on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

X. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the recommendations were unanimously approved.

XI. Scholarship First Strategic Framework Presentation

Dr. Jason Droddy, Vice President of Strategy and Public Policy, presented on the Scholarship First Strategic Framework.

Request to Approve the Scholarship First Strategic Framework

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded Armentor, the item was approved. Mr. Blossman registered an objection to the motion to approve the item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the preliminary draft of the Scholarship First Strategic Framework as presented on February 23, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the President is authorized to make minor amendments to preliminary draft, publish a final document, and communicate the framework within 60 days of the adoption of this resolution.

XII. Chairman's Report

Mr. Woods provided an informational report.

XIII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the meeting was adjourned.